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INDONESIA

POLISHING SUKARNO'S IMAGE (CONF)

THE GOVERNMENT-INSPIRED RESURRECTION OF FORMER PRESIDENT
SUKARNO'S IMAGE REACHED A NEW PEAK JUNE 21 WITH OFFICIAL
CEREMONIES AT SUKARNO'S GRAVESITE IN EAST JAVA AND A
HIGHLY PUBLICIZED "PRIVATE" GATHERING OF SUKARNO FAMILY
MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN JAKARTA. GOI REPRESENTATIVES
ATTENDED BOTH AFFAIRS, THE VICE GOVERNOR AND REGIONAL
MILITARY COMMANDER AT THE GRAVESITE AND MINISTER OF
INFORMATION ALI MURTOPO, AMONG OTHERS, IN JAKARTA. MURTOPO,
ARCHITECT OF THE SUKARNO REHABILITATION PLOY, INDICATED TO
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THE PRESS THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL CONTINUE TO PUSH THE
SUKARNO CAMPAIGN FOR ANOTHER YEAR BY STATING THAT PRESIDENT
SUHARTO PLANS TO ATTEND THE OFFICIAL RE-OPENING OF THE
REFURBISHED GRAVESITE NEXT JUNE 21. EMBASSY JAKARTA NOTES
THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S OBJECTIVE IS OBVIOUS -- TO BUILD UP
THE FORMER SUKARNOIST/NATIONALIST PARTY FORCES IN THE ANTI-
MUSLIM PDI AS A MANIPULABLE COUNTERWEIGHT TO THE GROWING

STRENGTH OF THE FORCES OF POLITICAL ISLAM. THE GOVERNMENT MAY, HOWEVER, FIND THE CAMPAIGN MUCH HARDER TO TURN OFF THAT IT WAS TO INCITE. REPORTS THAT "TENS OF THOUSANDS" OF SPECTATORS SPONTANEOUSLY CONVERGED ON THE GRAVESITE SUGGEST THE EMOTIONAL APPEAL STILL INHERENT IN THE SUKARNO PHENOMENON WHICH SOME WILL TRY TO TURN AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT. IF THE SUKARNO GENIE STRAYS TOO FAR FROM THE BOTTLE, EVEN ALI MURTOPO MAY HAVE TROUBLE STUFFING IT BACK IN.

MALAYSIA

MALAYSIAN ELECTIONS (CONF)

EMBASSY KL REPORTS THAT THE JUNE 21 NOMINATIONS FOR THE MALAYSIAN NATIONAL PARLIAMENTARY AND STATE ELECTIONS REVEAL THAT PRIME MINISTER HUSSEIN'S NATIONAL FRONT WILL FACE CONSIDERABLY MORE OPPOSITION ON JULY 8 THAN DURING THE LAST ELECTIONS IN 1974, MAINLY BECAUSE THE ISLAMIC PARTY (PAS) HAS LEFT THE COALITION. WHILE OPPOSITION PARTIES ARE FIELDING LARGE NUMBERS OF CANDIDATES, THEY ARE NOT WELL ORGANIZED AND WILL BE ABLE TO CUT INTO NATIONAL FRONT STRENGTH ONLY WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY. THERE APPEAR TO BE NO MAJOR CHALLENGES TO RANKING INDIVIDUAL GOVERNMENT OF MALAYSIA LEADERSHIP AT THIS TIME.

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FRAZER-HUSSEIN-LEE MINI SUMMIT IN KL (LOU)

THE BRIEF "MINI SUMMIT" BETWEEN THE AUSTRALIAN, SINGAPOREAN, AND MALAYSIAN LEADERS ON JUNE 18 CONCENTRATED ON ECONOMIC ISSUES AND ON COORDINATING TRADE POLICIES PRIOR TO THE MTN IN GENEVA. REDUCTION OF TRADE BARRIERS DOMINATED THE DISCUSSIONS WITH PM FRAZER IMPLYING THAT THERE EXISTS A DANGER OF GROWING EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY PROTECTIONISM AND THAT THE ASEAN AND AUSTRALIAN NATIONS NEED TO INSURE THEIR ECONOMIC INTERESTS THROUGH COORDINATED EFFORTS TO PROMOTE LIBERALIZED TRADE. FRAZER ATTEMPTED TO GAIN SUPPORT FROM SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA FOR BROADENING THE MTN CURRENT OFFER WHICH COVERS ONLY FIVE PERCENT OF AUSTRALIA'S PRODUCTS. HE PUSHED FOR THE INCLUSION OF MORE AGRICULTURAL COMMODITIES IN THE MTN, AND WHILE BOTH SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD COORDINATE POLICIES WITH AUSTRALIA DURING THE MTN, NO SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS WERE MADE.

SINGAPORE

AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE KNEIP CONTINUES CONSULTATIONS (LOU)

DURING THE WEEK OF JUNE 26-30 AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE KNEIP

IS CONTINUING HIS CONSULTATIONS BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE DEPARTMENT. HE HAS HELD DISCUSSIONS BOTH AT STATE AND TREASURY ON THE STATUS OF THE US-SINGAPORE DRAFT BILATERAL INVESTMENT TREATY AND OTHER ISSUES OF SIGNIFICANCE IN CURRENT US-SINGAPOREAN RELATIONS. NO DATE HAS BEEN SET AS YET FOR HIS SWEARING IN, ALTHOUGH HE DESIRES TO ARRIVE IN SINGAPORE BY AUGUST 3.

NARCOTICS

CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL (LOU)
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A CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION HEADED BY REP JAMES R. MANN (D-SOUTH CAROLINA) WILL BE TRAVELLING TO BANGKOK AND HONG KONG FROM JULY 6-15 TO CONDUCT A STUDY MISSION RELATING TO NARCOTICS MATTERS. THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON DRUG ABUSE WILL ALSO HOLD HEARINGS IN HONOLULU AND GUAM FROM JULY 1-5. IN ADDITION TO CONGRESSMAN MANN, REPRESENTATIVES CHARLES E. WRIGHT (R-CALIFORNIA) AND BILLY LEE EVANS (D-GEORGIA) WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS VISIT. A SEPARATE GROUP OF CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS WILL CONCURRENTLY VISIT REFUGEE CAMPS IN THAILAND AND MALAYSIA.
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